



YEARBOOK

The County
The Clubs
The Teams
The year that was

2021



LGFA

PEIL na mBAN



Our LGFA section were able to field two teams this year, along with a G4MO team. We won the Junior A 2020 final and will play at Intermediate level in both League and Champion-

ship in 2022, and our Junior C team took home the Cup after a great final against Barndarrig

An Tóchar Gaelic4Mothers&Others



U8's



U10's



U12's



U14's



U16's



Minor's



Junior C Champions



Intermediates



U8 and U10

Our u8 and u10 sides enjoyed Go Games all over the county this year and we fielded two teams at both age grades on every occasion. We are delighted to continue welcoming new members at these age grades and the numbers are growing every year. We hope to continue to make sure the girls enjoy their football with an emphasis on fun at these age grades to ensure retention going forward. A special thanks to the coaches who have been so well organised all year and put in huge effort to ensure sessions were planned and ran so smoothly. Well done to all of our players and thank you all for your efforts representing the Black and Amber this year.

U12

The U12's had a fantastic year in 2021. COVID had little impact on their spirits or ability to play. In total they played 23 games, 14 matches in the tournament followed by 8 challenge matches to take us to the end of the season. In each and every game they showed much improvement, and we can't wait to get them all back training again next year. We had 6 new girls join us this year who had never played with the club before and they were welcomed by the team with open arms. They are a fantastic little bunch of girls with so much love for the game and their teammates. Their commitment and enthusiasm on and off the field is a joy to watch.

U8 Girls



U10 Girls



U12 Girls



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U16

2021 was the first year for the club to field an U16 team and they played extremely well in their division, securing a place in the Shield Championship semi-final. Unfortunately, it wasn't to be and a very strong Kilcoole side won on the day and went on to win the Shield Championship final. We had a very young team this year with half the team being U15 and the other half of the team were girls from the U14 team. Next year, we will have another year experience under our belts, the whole team will be training together, so we are very hopeful of it being a very successful season.

The girls also played in the U15 Feile this year and played a fantastic days' football, eventually losing out in the semi-final

to Vallemount who went on to become the overall winners that day.

Their commitment is evident, they have trained hard and are aiming to complete a 5km run this winter. All 19 players have also signed up to do pre-season training with a strength and conditioning coach in January 2022 for 6 weeks. We are extremely proud of these girls; they have been with us from the very beginning when they were in U10's and we can't wait to see them in just a few years down the line when they tog out for Ashford's very first Ladies game. Their dedication and commitment to their team and club will finally pay off. The future for this team looks really promising.

U16 Girls



Gaelic for Mothers and Others

One stand out success in the club this year was the introduction of the Gaelic for Mothers and Others program. We were blown away by the turnout and the numbers remained high each week as the Women put in a massive effort at every session. It was great to see so many Women turning up to try something new and welcome some new faces in to the club. The camaraderie and laughter each week was the driving force behind the success. A special thanks to the coaches Brian Shannon and Joey Doyle who put the Women through their paces each weekend had every session planned out brilliantly. The lads were helped along the way by Lee Fitz and Liam Byrne. We even managed to have two internal Blitz's which showed just how much the Women had advanced in their weeks of training. We look forward to welcoming you all back next year!

After another delayed start to 2021 due to Covid 19, the juvenile ladies finally got to return to training at the end of April and playing competitive league football in June, which led to a very busy and condensed year.

U8's

For 2021 the U8's incorporated the Academy aged girls. They trained at on Saturday mornings throughout the season with 35/36 girls at each session.

They participated in friendly games and some blitz's later in the year

The girls final outing was to take part in the Joe McHugh and James Byrne Cups on Saturday 16th October where the coaches presented certs to the girls.

U10's

The u10s started the season with just 5 players and finished with 13 girls. They trained every Saturday and Wednesday totalling 23 sessions. They played 9 matches winning 8 and only losing 1.

The coaches put the wins down to the simple skills like hand passing in training on their success.

One of the highlights of the year was the Blitz in Ballinakill which was a great day. The U10 girls won all their games. Their ability was commended by all teams we faced. The coaches were very happy with the girl's progress throughout the season. They also took part in the James Byrne and Joe McHugh cup to finish off their season

U12's

The u12s had a large panel with 37 girls, this allowed for 2 teams to be entered in Division 1 and Division 3 and played over 30 matches between both. The division 3 team was comprised of the under 11 players playing in u12 league. Some new members joined at this age group during the season which was great to see.

There were never less than about 30 girls at every training session. A big emphasis by the coaches was put on enjoying the game and keeping them all involved. While it was a short year, a great year was had by both players and coaches. The girls played well in all games and came out with majority of wins in both divisions.

U14's

The U14's had a large panel this year of 33 girls, all training sessions had 27/28 girls attend.

They progressed well throughout the season with a slow start in the division 1 league.

The girls then progressed to division 1 championship and eventually reached the Final of U14 A Shield.

They struggled with the large panel while only having one team, even though they got a lot of challenge matches so all girls could have game time.

U16's

The u16's had a panel of 24 Girls, with almost all attending training regularly

The girls had a tough ask this year having been placed in Division 1 of the league which had some tough opposition, but they still managed to come through to finish in third place, which helped the girls when it came to their championship which seen them reach the semi-final only to lose out by a narrow margin to a team they had already beaten in the league.

Minors

The minor team only just started training for this year's competition, games starting on 21 Nov and running potentially up to just before Christmas depending on results.

Senior's

The Senior Ladies team had a difficult start to the year with 9 of them on the Wicklow County squad at the same time as the league which left a huge gap for the team to try and fill, with a gallant effort from the junior squad to try and fill the boots of some of our strongest players. The division 1 league was a difficult ask for the remaining squad.

For championship following the return of the victorious county players after winning the All Ireland Junior title with Wicklow, we had a large enough squad to enter a Senior and a Junior A team in the championship competition, the Senior team played some impressive football getting to championship semi final but narrowly missing out to a place in the final. We thank all the fantastic coaches and management of all the girls squads during the 2021 season.

The year ahead

We look forward with renewed vigour and enthusiasm for the 2022 season. We hope things and society will return to more of a pre Covid normality!



Senior Ladies

The senior ladies enjoyed a lengthy year of football, competing in both the Division 1 League and Senior Championship. The ladies got off to a flying start in the league finishing 2nd in the table. A change in format this year saw an outright winner with no league final. This year saw many girls make their Senior Club debuts, further strengthening the squad. The Senior Championship got off to a rocky start but as the team grew into the competition, they saved some of their best football for the final 2 games, which unfortunately saw them exit the A champ after a narrow 1 goal loss to the eventual County Champions. The ladies ended on a high after winning the Senior B title against AGB on a score-line of 3-13 to 2-8. A major highlight for the group this year included our #HikeToRememberLuka, a very heart-warming experience that we do hope to replicate year upon year.

Junior Ladies

A very competitive year for our Junior Ladies saw them compete well in the Division 3 League, finished 2nd place after a shaky start to the campaign. Winning the Junior B Championship the previous year meant a step up in grade for this young team and things progressed nicely as the Junior A Championship got underway. Some big wins against top sides earned us a place in the Junior A final on Nov 6th. It wasn't to be on the day but the experience gained will stand to this group as for many it was their introduction to adult football. Big numbers made for a competitive environment and all of the girls effortlessly rose to the challenge.

Feile (girls-blue)



Our Blue Feile Team (u15) enjoyed a very competitive Division 1 held in Bray on Aug 29th. The day long competition had the dream ending with Captain Aoife Cullen lifting the cup after a great battle with a courageous Carnew side. Unfortunately, this year there was no national competition in which to represent Wicklow. This squad was made up of girls who are playing massive roles on their U16 and U14 squads and have a bright future ahead.

U16 Girls (Blue)



Our U16 Blue team had a hugely successful season in which they completed the League and Championship double. This group continue to go from strength to strength, year after year. Registering some big results throughout their campaign, the girls took home the Division 1 title after an unbeaten run throughout June and July. The unbelievable commitment and effort from this group allowed them to

continue that run throughout the A Championship earning them a place in the A final, held in Aughrim County grounds. Captain Emily-Rose O'Toole lifted the cup after a fine team performance against a great Tinahely side. Final score 4-17 to 1-2. With many of these girls now filtering into adult teams the future is certainly bright.

Minor Ladies (Blue & White)

At the time of writing our Minor campaign is only midway through with the A final vs Tinahely fixed for mid December. Fielding 2 teams at this age group is a huge accomplishment, being the only club to do so.

Massive Thanks

A massive thank you to Kevin McNally who worked by our side with the Seniors, it is very much appreciated. For the people working with us behind the scenes, our Covid Officers Lynn, Brid and Barbara, our PRO Alana and to our sponsors and support for the Hike, All In Fitness (AIF), Brew 21, Karcher and Mitchell Macadam, we appreciate all of the help provided throughout the season. A final thank you to all of the parents for their constant support and encouragement over the year. We look forward to 2022 already.

Jess & Kim



Our Intermediate ladies performed to a very high standard all year, particularly during the championship, showcasing a fast and efficient brand of football, which brought the ladies to their second final in two years.

On November 6, they met An Tochar in very wet and windy conditions in the final in Baltinglass. This was a game our squad prepared well for, with Alanna Conroy putting up the first score in the first minute, calming any nerves. The ladies settled into the game from then on, presenting their skill, fitness, and experience, with the forwards taking their chances well. Similarly, the strong, determined, and relentless combination of the defence and midfield, ensured that the An Tochar attack was put at bay.

The balance of hard work, grit and desire ensured our ladies came out victorious against a hard-working unrelenting An Tochar team. BEL will now play in the senior championship next year and represented Wicklow in the Leinster Intermediate club championship this year, winning the first round against Clara in Offaly, but lost out in the quarter-final to Westmeath representatives, The Downs.

A big thank you to our fabulous captain Una O'Grady, who led the team by example for the last two years and displayed her passion and integrity throughout.

A special mention to our Wicklow players, who have won the junior All Ireland medals this year - Alanna Conroy, Aoife Gilen, Mikaela Shelley, and Catherine Corbertt. Congratulations to the ladies for their All-Ireland win, we are so proud of you and your achievement.

A big thank you too to Manager John Butler and the management team of Anne Longmore, Paul Ryan, and Dave Barry together with Eugene Canavan and Neal O'Doherty. Their drive, dedication and commitment to the squad and the ladies' section is greatly appreciated and is reflected in our success this year.

Lastly, there are three individuals who also deserve a particular mention, with the Covid measures continuing this year. A very special thank you to our three amazing Covid Supervisors, Sandra Fitzgerald, Niamh Butler and Florence O'Keefe, who all endured all types of weather to be there to support and ensure the safety of the ladies.



A very positive year all round for Coolkenno Ladies club. From under 6s, right up to an adult team reforming, player numbers in the club have increased, which is impressive for such a small area.

U6's

Starting with our under 6s, the children showed great enthusiasm for learning and developing the skills at training every week. This year was our first year to have an under 8 girls team to take part in blitzes, at which the girls seemed to have great fun.

U12 & U14's

The under 12s and under 14s did extremely well this year under the superb guidance of Anthony and Caroline Keogh, after moving up to a higher division. The girls showed great commitment and work rate and took on board the great knowledge shared by Anthony, who was a powerhouse in his playing days.

U16's

The under 16s also had a successful year and it is great to see the same group of girls moving up together under the guidance of Jack Bowes and Rita Murphy, who has been with this group since u12s and have seen the girls go from strength to strength every year!

Adult

Our adult team started off the season with the hopes of just getting enough numbers to the field a team. Jack Bowes and PJ Tompkins set up the Coolkenno Ladies team back in 2005, and the duo managed to get a team thriving again with the help of Rita Murphy and Suzie O'Neill. It was great to see 30 odd players back in the field training. From just wanting to field a team to reaching a county final in the same year was a great achievement and we are beyond proud of the girls and management team for their hard work and dedication throughout the year. The hard graft and sessions throughout the year didn't lack camaraderie as the girls had great spree on and off the field. We would also like to thank Stephen Hunter who came on board to drive the girls on for Championship and to share his knowledge of the game.



Special mentions

As a club it is amazing to see the passion and dedication being built from such a young age and we want to thank all the parents, coaches, and those that helped with the underage groups, fundraising, etc. A special mention to Colin Murphy and Conor Doyle for the outstanding work with the development of the nursery and underage structures. As bigger numbers came to the field this year, it was vital to have more help with the children and we want to express our gratitude to those who stepped up to the challenge in order to provide fun and safe football for all levels. The future looks bright for Coolkenno Ladies!





With thanks

Thank you to Rita Murphy for her tremendous work as secretary this year alongside chairperson PJ Tompkins. One of the most difficult jobs on the committee, Rita took it in her stride and ensured nothing was left unorganised.

A big mention and thank you to our treasurer, Jo McCarthy for her endless work throughout the year. Jo ensured every team had a new set of jerseys, with the adult team getting new set of jerseys along with a set of training tops. Jo goes above and beyond for the club and her nursing skills also provide great care and knowledge for when injuries occur.

A word about our sponsors

A sincere thank you to all our sponsors this year.

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Under 6: Tullow Credit Union

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Under 12,14 and 16: BLF Nutrition.



U8's & U10's



The u8s and u10s girls have had a fun filled season this year and they have come on a lot in terms of their individual skill levels and their confidence playing games.

The girls primarily trained on Saturday mornings at 11 am, with approx 20 girls on average turning up each week, which is fantastic.

Some of the girls also trained on Monday evenings alongside the boys u7s/u9s which meant they got to practice more, got to train with different coaches, meet new friends and challenge themselves further.

There were blitz's and go-games held throughout the season against the likes of An Tochar, St Patrick's, Coolkenno and Ashford, and all kids did fantastically well and had lots of fun. There was even a halloween party, including alpacas.

The season wouldn't have been possible without the commitment of all the children and their parents (including those parents who helped out at training and matches), and the coaches would all like to give a huge thanks to them for putting in so much effort and making the sessions so much fun - even in the rain!!

It would be great to get more people involved as coaches so the girls could each get more attention, so please do give it some thought. It's very rewarding being involved with them. Some of the u10s will move up an age group next year and we wish them all the best and thank them for all the effort and fun they brought to the sessions.

And we'll hopefully welcome some new girls next year, both from the nursery and maybe new joiners to the club.

U8's & U10's



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U14's



What started out a tough year for the U14s girls with training numbers as low as 7 at times, the girls struggled to field a team for league games and with this came the hard decision to pull the girls from the league.

With the focus now to build a panel for the championship. Each week leading to the championship new faces arrived to give LGFA a try, it was great to see new girls from the community involved enjoying the sport for the first time. The players on the u14s team welcomed every new player with a smile and open arms, this team grew stronger and the skills the play-

ers built over the weeks was amazing to see, this team went on to play in the championship and it was like watching a new team play compared to the team that played the league games. They had great communication and worked well as a team and showed great determination. This team will definitely grow bigger and stronger and one to watch in the future for newtown lgfa young players coming up. I thoroughly enjoyed managing and coaching this young team, I'm looking forward to seeing what the future holds for these young talented girls. Dawn Mckenna

U16's



So this year our under 16 girls set out on a journey not knowing what the year would bring, seeing many of the team are playing two years above their age and some even four years above, this team have given their all this year. Training two nights a week, hail rain or snow. We were beaten only twice this year, the semi final of the championship and final of the shield, we've been together for over five years and the

team keeps developing into great footballers. A massive shout out to Aoife Bayle and Annemarie Elliott the two managerial coaches on this team with myself Robert Doyle. They give up their time with no questions asked and without these two we would be lost. Players that shone this year are too many to call out, it's been a great year for the team, and so much to look forward to next year. Roll on 2022

Minor's



The minor girls have been fanatic all year round with training on the field and matches. The girls have a very bright future ahead of them in the coming years as every girl brings something amazing to the squad with their excellent skill set. A great year was had with this squad!!

The under squad of 2020 was as follows: Sophie Lacey, Ella Doyle, Rachel Byrne, Katelyn O'Toole, Emma Walsh, Doireann Smyth, Aisling Kearns, Shelby McDonald, Laura Murphy, Han-

nah Martin, Alyssia Larkin, Una Power, Aisling Goff, Claudia Keogh, Laragh Davis, Keely merriman. Mangers: Aisling McDonald and Dawn McKenna

A big thank you to our covid officer Olivia McDonald who helped us throughout the season also.

Also a speedy recovery to Ella Doyle and Katelyn o'Toole with their ACL injuries and Alyssia Larkin with her neck injury

Ladies



Our Newtown Ladies squad gathered at the commencement of the year to contemplate in the initial stages whether there was enough of an interest this year to field a team - the assembled squad resulted in a tight yet committed group of players willing to rebuild our squad going forward into 2021 with a fine blend of youth and experience married to a willingness to work hard throughout the season. A management structure was put in place and training and coaching began under the guidance of Dominic Leech, Mary Doyle, Amy Mooney, Ella Doyle and with the addition of Joe Clifford later in the season the management structure was complete. Becky Martin was named as the squad captain and an astute captain she proved to be as the leadership she provided helped the team progress throughout the season. In truth the squad was tight in number and injuries certainly didn't help as the squad was severely depleted and the league proved to be a tough experience with great victories over St Nicholas and Avoca proving to be the highlight.

If the league was a tough experience for Newtown the championship would prove how good the squad could be. In a restruc-

tured Wicklow Junior Championship Newtown found themselves in what would, in previous years, have been termed the Junior A championship. In the first round St Patrick's were the opposition - a team which had comprehensively beaten Newtown earlier in the league. However, this was a totally different Newtown team that traveled down to Dunbur with a far more positive outlook and Newtown, in what was a remarkable performance, turned the league result on the head to win on a score line of 4-3 to 1-06 and faced Bray for the right to play in the quarter finals. A confident Bray side traveled to Newtown but were met with an irresistible force in a Newtown performance that belied the experience of the side. In the opening half Bray showed that confidence and led by 7 points at the break 2-05 to 0-04. A defiant Newtown team thundered back into the game and in a welter of excitement drew level at the end of full time - Bray 2-7 Newtown 0-13. As all the Wicklow LGFA championships must have a result on the day due to date restrictions the reality of extra time dawned and both sides readied themselves. Newtown struck early as Aisling McDonald, who ended the game with a remarkable 3-09, found the net and a point from Una Power put 4 between the sides and the game looked over when the same player again goaled. At this stage the seashiders from Bray were working hard and Newtown knew that the match was wide open and at the break everything was still to be played for with the score reading 2-13 to 2-07 in the Magpies favor.

The second period was exciting with both sides were visibly tiring and when Bray goaled early to leave only 3 points between the sides it looked as if the tide could once more turn but points from Dawn McKenna and Laragh Davis together with a goal from McDonald steadied the Magpies ship and the final score read as Newtown 3-15 to Bray Emmett's 3-07. A wonderful display by our girls in what was an absorbing contest especially considering the injuries which struck Newtown during the game prior to extra time. Newtown thus topped their group and progressed to a quarter final meeting with Rathnew – another side who Newtown had met and had lost to during the league campaign.

Matches between Newtown and Rathnew are always tough and tight games. In the early exchanges this proved to be the case with this quarter final before Newtown, showing renewed confidence and belief, pulled away in the second half to record a great victory on a score of Newtown 4-5 Rathnew 0-5 to move into the semi-final against a Carnew side who were overwhelming favourites for the overall Junior title. Carnew were Newtown guests for the semi final and Carnew got the start Newtown needed and despite every effort by the Magpies the southern side showed why they were favourites and ran out

winners by 4-12 to 2-04.

In reality Newtown's championship performances were a revelation with each player stepping up to the plate and showing that the rebuilding process is well under way. A fine mix of young and experienced players, the results on the field were mirrored by the friendships and comradeships' off it combined with a fine management structure and the way seems bright for this exciting team.

Newtown Ladies were indebted to Ava McGlynn who sponsored the training gear for the squad and this entrepreneur certainly is going places with her new enterprise – Cupcakes by Ava. Thank you Ava for your wonderful support. It would be impossible to have had such a wonderful season with the support of Newtown GAA and the team would like to thank treasurer James Kelly and the club itself for their constant help and support throughout the year.

2021 was a fine year for the Ladies team with hopes of even better days around the corner in years to come – especially looking at the younger players who have broken into the side and the great work being done within the juvenile structure within the Club by our wonderful coaches. We are always looking for new players and if anyone in the Newtown area would like to become involved with the ladies' teams you would be most welcome to join with the team.

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U8 Girls

Our u8 girls had a fantastic year in 2021. They all performed very well in games versus Clara, AGB and Roundwood, while also attending two county blitzes in Ballinakill. The girls made massive improvements over the course of the year. The

highlight of the season was the visit of our All Ireland winning Wicklow ladies which we've no doubt has encouraged our girls to keep playing and we look forward to seeing them all back next season. Big thank you to the two Gary's, Daragh, Liz and Bernice for all their work throughout the season.



Under 10 Girls



Our under 10 girls enjoyed a very successful season after returning to play following Covid restrictions on 1st May 2021. We had a fantastic team of experienced Coaches this season namely Brian McSorley, Ronan Monahan, Sarah Evans, John Mcgettigan, Bosco Guinan and Holly McSorley. Our team administrators were Carol Byrne and Emma Czwalina. Our numbers increased from 23 in 2020 to 32 registered players in 2021. We had excellent attendance at our weekly training sessions every Saturday morning and averaged 20-25 players at most sessions. We had a mix of age groups this year with some players having played under 10s last year, some moved up from the under 8 squad this season and we also had a number of Girls who were new to GAA joining us for the first time. Our coaches focused on developing basic skills with the girls, building their confidence and helping them gain experience playing matches.

Throughout the season the Girls got to play in several challenge matches which allowed them the opportunity to try out playing in various positions on the pitch and utilise the skills they had worked on during training. We finished our season by participating in two large County Blitzes for the Under 10 girls in Ballinakill. The girls loved the experience of the blitzes and really enjoyed the challenge of playing against new teams. The Highlight of the Season was when the girls got to meet the 7 St Pats County Players both before their all Ireland Final and More importantly when they returned with the Cup on our final day of the Season. 14 Of the girls will be moving up to Under 12s next season and the remaining girls will return to under 10s for another year to further develop their skills. We wish the girls all the best, It has been a pleasure to be involved with them this year.

U12 Ladies



St Patricks u12 ladies started back training in early May 2021 with over 40 girls on the panel. Two teams were entered into the league. Division 1 and Division 3. The season consisted of

two games most weekends. The girls also trained on a Tuesday evening and Saturday morning. The coaches could see early on in the league the progress the



girls were making each week. The regular games were a massive help to the girl's development.

The Blue team in Division 1 were up against Tinahely, Blessington, Baltinglass and AGB playing each team both home and away. The girls finished the league with only one defeat. Unfortunately, the fixtures committee decided on not running a final/playoff much to the disappointment of the players and mentors. Some of the older girls were very busy as they also played u14 games which again helped with their overall development.

The White team Division 3 were initially placed in a local East group but were well out of their depth as they were up against large panels of first teams. The coaches decided on opting for more traveling in order to take in more meaningful matches

against Division 3 opposition. They were entered into a group with Blessington, Baltinglass, AGB, An Tochar, Ashford and Clara. Most of the white team were either under 11 or had only started playing. They made massive progress each week and were very competitive in each game.

Some girls also played both blue and white teams to help their teammates when numbers were low.

The girls finished the year at the end of September with a pizza party and small prize giving.

The coaches, Mark Donohoe, Margaret Leonard, Maria Lawlor and Lucy Hobbs had a very busy and enjoyable year. The parents provided great support and commitment throughout the year. Parents helped out on a regular basis volunteering as Covid officer.

U14 Ladies



The U14s fielded two teams this year as numbers grew over the season from 27 to 38.

Our blue team made up of u14 girls played in the Division 1 of the league and performed very well to finish 4th overall with 3 wins and 3 defeats. On to the championship and with the team beset with injuries and unavailability, the girls ended up in the A Plate final. In a heart stopping game the girls prevailed by 2 points over Bray Emmets thanks to a last-minute penalty save from Ella Murphy. The trophy was presented to captain Amy Lalor amid great scenes of jubilation. The squad was: Emily Bunce, Clodagh Byrne, Erica Byrne, Lara Chassagne, Alanna Cullen, Grace Donohoe, Rionach Fleming, Maebh Greene, Bethany Hastie, Alanna Kilcoyne, Amy Lalor, Hannah Lawless, Millie Leonard, Ella Lyons, Isobel Malone, Sarah McAuliffe, Aoibhe Mitchell, Ella Murphy, Millie Phelan, Anya Wilson-Ma.

Our white team made up of u13s with some support from the u12s performed very well in Division 3 of the league. There

were some super wins but also some narrow losses but the focus was on ensuring game time and development of all the squad. In the championship the girls were drawn in the B Shield and after fantastic away victories against Colkenno and Kilcoole the girls reached the final to play a Vallemount team that had already beaten them en route to the final. In a great performance the girls ultimately succumbed to some late goals in the final quarter against an older and physically stronger team. The squad was: Adele Byrne, Tilly Byrne McGettigan, Emily Carey, Sophie Ferguson, Kayla Anne Hill, Aoife Hunter, Kelly Kavanagh, Jamie Kavanagh, Caoimhe Lawlor, Katie Lawlor, Sophie O'Callaghan, Nicole Peterson, Freya Renwick, Kayla Renwick, Grace Ryan, Aoife Treanor, Caoimhe Turner, Keelagh Young. U12s who played were: Meg Carey, Rose Donohoe, Reece Hughes, Emma Lalor, Saoirse O'Brien. Management and coaches were: Rob Greene, John Lalor, Sinead McGettigan, Ian O'Callaghan, Leanne Ryan (Covid Supervisor).

U16 Ladies



The U16's panel consisted of 25 players and two teams were entered into the competitions. One additional new player joined the group. Training commenced in early May on Tues, Thurs and Sat. The Blue Team played in the Div 2 league which just consisted of two other teams: Bray Emmets and Carnew. Four games were played which consisted of a Home / Away basis. Even though we failed to win any games the team showed considerable progress through each game. The Blue team was entered in the U16 A Championship. We came up against Blessington in the first game away and while well defeated in the end we showed great fighting spirit right all through. The following weekend we faced An Tochar at home and came away with a fine win. Two weeks later we were beaten by Carnew away from home by 4 pts in a game we were very unlucky to lose. We qualified for the A Championship Shield semi-final the following week with a big victory over ABG at home. In that Semi-final on 07 Sept in Ballinakill we came up against Carnew. We never played up to our potential that night and Carnew ran out winners in the end. The White Team played in the Div 5 league. This consisted of U15 and also U14 girls with just one U16 girl who had arrived into the panel. We had big victories over Clara, Ashford and Clannagael and won the league. We had just one game in the 'C' championship v Vallemount but the opposition was way too strong for a team that was decimated with injury. We

had to play one U12 girl that evening. Feile 2021 Our Feile team consisted of U15 and U14 girls and was played in Bray on 29TH August 21 Our first game in our group was against Blessington who pulled away in the 2nd half of the game. In our next game against An Tochar we came out strong winners by 7 pts. Our last group game was against Baltinglass. In a trilling game an injury time goal sealed our fate which seen our opposition in the Semi Final. The full U16 squad for 2021 was: Chloe Beale, Molly Callery, Tess Carey, Nicole Cawley, Isabelle Cooney, Justine Cronin, Freya Cullinan, Eva Deehan, Aine Dunlop, Meabh Donnellan, Isabel Ledesma, Lexi Le Fevre, Marie Galligan, Brooke Griffen, Kayleigh Keogh, Sophia Martin, Lucy Mooney, Abbie O'Brien, Eadaoin O Kane, Molly O Keefe, Hazel Porter, Jasmine Reilly, Aisling Turner, Ciara Walsh, Emma Waters. U14's: Erica Byrne, Lara Chassagne, Alanna Cullen, Grace Donohoe, Maebh Greene, Amy Lalor, Hannah Lawless, Millie Leonard, Ella Lyons, Isobel Malone, Millie Phelan. U12: Meg Carey. Best wishes to Kayleigh Keogh and Sophia Martin who are still recovering from injuries. Special thanks to the U14 management who kindly allowed a sizable quantity of their squad to us and allowed the girls to train with the U16 on a number of occasions Management and coaches were: Liam Keogh, William Carey, Ann O' Kane, joe Cawley & Mick Griffen (Covid Officer)

Ladies Football Junior B



In 2021 for the first time in clubs history St Pats had a third adult ladies teams, the team played in the Division 4 of the league and did very well for their first year, the team played Avoca in their first match which they came away with the win, wins against An Tochar, Newtown, Barndarrig and neighbours Rathnew seen the team go 6-2 in the league, during the tail end of the league, both management and players had to find their feet and find their best team going forward with losses of players through to going to the junior As and injuries. the first championship match was against Newtown, unfortunately it wasn't our day and we had to regroup for the second game against bray, bray was a big task and we came up second best to a better team. That left the team in the junior c quarter final against Avoca, Monday night in Ballinakill. It was a hard-fought battle a really enjoyable game to watch. The players really wanted to show what they can do and how they can perform and they did not fail to deliver with a savage all round team performance. That left us in a semi-final against An To-

char only 6 days later. It wasn't to be our day but the players could hold their head high they brought a good attitude and intensity to every game. The team consisted mainly of younger players from u16 level but we had a nice mix of players who have had experience playing adult football to help them get up to the pace of the game. Even with the coming and goings of players, coming into our first championship game the team had gelled well together and the bones of a good team going into next season.

Management would like to thank the players for their commitment to the team in both training and matches. As the team progressed and gelled together it was great to see. The main goal for this season was to create a competitive team for league and championship which we did but also lay down a foundation for a junior b (third team) to offer as many players eligible for adult football. The progress the players was unreal and couldn't ask for a nicer group to work with this season.

Intermediate Ladies



The intermediates kicked off their league campaign with a loss to Tinahely. We went on to beat St Nicholas, but suffered defeats to AGB, Vallemount, and Eire Og. The game v Bray was cancelled due to Covid. Overall there was some pleasing performances despite the end results.

In the championship we were regraded from intermediate to Junior A, along with a number of other teams. The competition was league based with four teams in each group. The top two from each group would play in the semi-final whilst the bottom two would go into a plate semi-final. We started off with heavy defeats to Tinahely and St Nicholas. In the final match v Eire Og despite the result, there was huge improvement in the team's performance. This improvement continued into the plate semi-final with a great win over Clan Na Gael despite missing players on mid-term break.

The final was scheduled in Donard against St Nicholas. The game turned out to be a cracker. Having most of the play we found ourselves six points down at ht. The girls regrouped and

chipped away at the lead and were only a point behind at the final water break. A further three points in the last quarter completed the come back and a two-point margin 2-7 to 2-9. This was a sixteen-point turnaround from the earlier rounds. Our captain Ami Healey was presented with the shield. This group of players only started to train together just before the start of the championship. Their performances improved every game which is a credit to all the girls and very pleasing for the management team.

Intermediate Panel: Aoife Tyrell, Kirsty Dunne, Orlaith Munnelly, Aoife Dunne, Niamh O'Brien, Ellen Griffin, Aimi Healy (c), Anna Delahunty, Errine O'Brien, Emma Waters, Sharon Devenny, Brooke Griffin, Amy Kavanagh, Sophie Porter, Justine Cronin, Molly Hodgkinson, Aoife Caffrey, Ava Rawson, Naoise O'Reilly, Chloe O'Donovan, Holly McSorley, Molly Callery.

Baninisteoir Brian McSorley

Cóiste Paul Fox

Meantóir Peter Porter Loraine O'Reilly Kathryn Fox

Senior Ladies



St. Patrick's Senior Ladies had a very busy few months playing 8 league games and 6 championship games while also becoming familiar with a new management team. While it was great to see so many faces on the pitch for training, it is hoped to get even more girls back playing and enjoying football in 2022. The Senior and Junior A teams trained together this year and the efforts of everyone was very much appreciated by management.

Both teams and management were very lucky to welcome "Asics" as a jersey sponsor and "ND Electrical" as kit sponsor. A photo opportunity with both companies will take place at the beginning of the 2022 season.

During the season we lost Niamh Caffrey and Molly Callery to injury, we wish them a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing them back on the pitch soon. With injuries in mind, I would like to thank our physios Niamh Conroy and Val Haligan for their assistance this year, also to Clodagh Fox who helped out when the girls weren't available.

To the Ladies club committee, I would like to thank you for your continued support of our ladies' team, I'm not going to mention anyone at the risk of leaving someone out. Thank you to the parents of our underage players who were a pleasure to deal with during the year and always available to assist in the progression of their daughter's football career. To the Senior Management team of Shay Dunne, Clara Jenkinson, Barry Dunne, Don Griffin and Kathryn Fox, thank you for all your efforts in 2021 and I'm looking forward to more success

with your involvement in 2022.

To our magnificent 7 that won the Junior Ladies All-Ireland with Wicklow this year, you have brought great pride and experience to the club. During yet another covid year the buzz from this victory brought a smile to so many faces, young and old. One of the many great things in the club is the work being carried out by all the underage coaches. The work you are doing is not just great for the mental and physical wellbeing of these young girls but also for the future of the ladies' club. We got to give many girls an opportunity during the league, this wasn't easy for some of the girls as at times they ended up playing 2 matches over the weekend. Then championship came around and everyone was ready for action, starting with victories over Tinahely, A.G.B. and Blessington and ending in a 1-point loss to Baltinglass. Next up a semi-final with Baltinglass and victory in a very tight game by 2 points. All the focus then turned to the county final against Tinahely. Unfortunately, the first half didn't go our way with nerves playing a part. These girls have the ability and put in a great effort and thankfully they got to prove that in the second half. It wasn't to be our day and so we move our concentration to 2022 as we set ourselves new goals. A big thank you to our team captain Laura Leonard and vice-captain Jennifer Lyons, you led by example all year long and are a credit to the club you love representing.

Gaelic 4 Mothers



County All Ireland Champions

Special congratulations to our 7 players, Clodagh (POTM), Kate, Lucy, Niamh, Rioghna, Sarah and Sinead and also to Mick Kavanagh and Linda Wynne from the coaching and support team. It was a proud day for both club and county. Cill Mhantáin abú.





Ladies Football

The ladies played in the Division 2 League and did okay considering they are a very young and inexperienced team. They played 2 games in the Intermediate Championship. Thanks to Sean, Matt & Paddy for all their work throughout the year.

U14 Girls

Congratulations to the U14 girls were crowned County Champions after defeating St. Pats.

U15 Feile

Well done to the U15 girls Féile team who beat St. Nicks, Coolkenno, Ashford and finally, Rathnew in the Final to be crowned Féile Champions. Thanks to those who mentored the girls throughout the year.

U16 Girls

Well done to the U16 girls who beat Coolkenno in the B Championship Final in Baltinglass.

Big thanks to those who managed the girls team this past year.

We would like to thank Aislinn & Liam who sponsored jerseys for the U14 & U16 girls teams.

Congratulations to Amy Burke who was part of the Wicklow Ladies panel that won the Junior All-Ireland Final this year.

Congratulations to Poppy Rose Cullen Dunne who was captain of the Wicklow team that won the U16 Camogie All- Ireland Final this year.



Due to the restrictions this year we did not get to run any fundraisers. Instead, we ran an online zoom quiz at the start of the year. It was a huge success and a big thanks to everyone who organised it and to all who took part. We would like to thank all the businesses that supported Valleymount GAA by placing an advertisement on our directory.

Thanks to all who have supported us throughout the year and we look forward to your continued support in the coming years. It does not go unnoticed!

Valleymount LGFA would like to extend our deepest sympathies to all club members who have lost loved ones in the past year. Ar dheis Dé go raib a anam.

